

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

On page 5, please amend the last paragraph as follows:

d A second loop generally indicated at 40 is attachable to the second end of strap 30. The second loop may be adjustable in size and may include an aperture 42 at a first end ~~42~~ and a plurality of apertures 44 along the second end thereof. Aperture 42 can be aligned with one of apertures 44, and both can be aligned with one of the apertures 32 of strap 30. Lock 50 can be extended through the apertures ~~42~~, 44 and 32 to form the loop 40 of a desired size and to position it at a desired position along the length of strap ~~30~~ 32 so that both loops are positioned about surfboard 9.

On page 6, please amend the last paragraph as follows:

cy The adjustable locking strap invention provides a simple affordable and effective device for locking a surfboard. The straps used in the adjustable locking strap invention can be made from reinforced nylon, or similar material, or other material known in the art. The loops 20 and 40 can be fixed in size to pass over the end of a surfboard, but not past the widest part of the board. Alternatively, one or both of the loops 20 and 40 30 can be adjustable. The strap 30 can be interconnected with loop 20 in any way known in the art. One preferred way would be by heavy duty permanent stitching. Generally, the strap 30 will extend for about 36 to 60 inches to the second loop 40, though this distance can vary depending on the size of the elongate object being locked. The strap 30 can be interconnected with second loop 40 at a desired point by means of heavy duty commercial stitching. Alternatively, the interconnection of the strap 30 and loop 40 can be adjustable along the length of strap 30 by interconnecting loop 40 with one of apertures 32 along strap 30 at a desired position as shown in the Figures. Lock 50 can be a

standard padlock or combination lock. The window stopper can be affixed on the tether strap 60 or can include an aperture and ride on tether 60. Preferably, the stopper is made of rubber or other non-malleable material as is known in the art. The pouch 68 can be formed of nylon or any other desired material and can use a zipper means or hook and pile type fastening means for closure thereof if desired. Importantly, the tether strap 60 could be part of loop 40, strap 30 or could be a separate element connectable to strap 30 and loop 40 by means of lock 50 passing through an aperture thereof.
